

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A reproduction apparatus and method for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon. The video data and/or audio data is generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone addition of an error correction code for error correction and then modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium. The reproduction apparatus includes a demodulator for demodulating data modulated in accordance with the modulation rule, a temporal store for holding the data demodulated by the demodulator, an error-corrector for error-correcting the demodulated data stored in the temporal store, based on an error correction code with the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store. A reproducer reproduces the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected demodulated data processed by the error-corrector and stored in the temporal store and an output controller performs output control of the reproduced data based on the reproduced information concerning copying consent stored in the temporal store.